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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS - 2002 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANNING (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Emergency Management, to manage the grant application process that will enable the Los Angeles County Operational Area to request up to \$1,457,515 in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) supplemental planning grant funds from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this grant is to assist local governments in updating and enhancing their Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for all hazards, with special emphasis on Weapons of Mass Destruction. Local governments include cities, county departments, and special districts. The focus is on coordinating planning efforts within the Los Angeles County Operational Area to enhance our ability to respond to and recover from emergencies, including terrorist attacks.

The events of September 11, 2001 have shown that it is necessary to address the risk of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/Terrorism in EOPs. However, there are costs

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associated with the development and maintenance of local emergency plans which are the responsibility of local government. The 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act For Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States authorizes funding for the updating of EOPs. This funding will be used to assist the County and local governments within the Operational Area (OA) in updating their plans to include preparation for and response to WMD/Terrorism events.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This grant addresses the following County Strategic Plan goals:

- Goal No. 1: Service Excellence, Strategy 1 - Develop standards for user-friendly service by providing assistance to local governments in updating their EOPs.
- Goal No. 2: Workforce Excellence, Strategy 2 - Create a positive work force by providing assistance to develop the tools necessary to respond to any emergency, including terrorist attacks.
- Goal No. 3: Organizational Effectiveness, Strategy 3 - Collaborate across functional and jurisdictional boundaries by promoting regional capabilities for planning for and responding to acts of terrorism.
- Goal No. 4: Fiscal Responsibility, Strategy 2 - Invest in public infrastructure by providing funds to local governments to offset the costs incurred in updating their EOPs.
- Goal No. 5: Children's and Families' Well Being, Strategy 2 - Engage individual departments in their planning efforts towards achieving the five outcomes for children and families by enhancing the safety and survival of families.
- Goal No. 8: Public Safety, Strategy 3 – Update the existing Los Angeles County Emergency Management System to address and respond to all potential types of terrorism and their aftermath.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a fully funded grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. There are no cost-share or matching fund requirements.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State of California has established the following OA responsibilities:

- Submit a single application package that represents all planning activities within the OA jurisdictional area.
- Prepare quarterly progress reports for the duration of the grant period.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM), working with stakeholders, has identified the following areas for emphasis:

- Updating the OA Terrorism Response Plan.
- Updating Emergency Operations Plans for county departments, cities, and special districts to include response to a WMD/Terrorism event.
- Developing a coordinated plan to incorporate Citizen Corps and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs into the emergency operations system.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Emergency planning is a critical responsibility of local government. Through the use of these funds, local governments within the Los Angeles County Operational Area will be better prepared to respond to WMD/Terrorism events.

Respectfully submitted,

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